

*Mi pueblo en
el British*



Dear Sir Mark Jones,

My name is Miguel Gracia, president of the Spanish Association of Mountain Municipalities (Esmontañas), which was created to promote legislative improvements and other actions that contribute to improving the lives of those living in mountain areas, curbing depopulation and generating economic and social development.

We currently represent 280 mountain municipalities throughout Spain. Have you ever been to a mountain village in Spain? Actually they are a real treasure. In my humble opinion, many of them are on a par with the impressive collection held by the museum of which you are the director, the British Museum.

The problem we have is that not as many people come to visit us as to your museum. Maybe it's because of communications. So, with the intention that as many people as possible get to know our heritage, we thought we would propose you a deal: If in the next 30 days you receive more visitors than our villages, you can take one to the British Museum.

How do you think the exceptional Asturian hórreos, the historic batipuertas of Candelario, the square of Aínsa, the walls of Morella or the fountains of Montán would look there? I can tell you that you have not seen an equal collection.

From 11th December to 11th January we will be counting the number of visitors to our municipalities; and I suppose that you are already used to counting the visits to the British Museum.

I sincerely hope that society will respond and visit our mountain villages; frankly, I would like nothing less than to turn them into a museum object. But we are people of our word, and I invite you to come back on 11 January to let you know the outcome of the competition.

I remain at your disposal for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Miguel Gracia,
PRESIDENT ESMONTAÑAS